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1. WE CALLED ON MRS. MANALO AUGUST 29 AT THE HYATT WHERE FIRST PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING FOR US DAILOGUE HAD COMPLETED ITS WORK AND SEVENTH SENIOR TRADE OFFICIALS MEETING WAS STARTING. WE GAVE MRS. MANALO AIDE MEMOIRE BASED

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ON DEPTEL SOLICITING ASEAN AGREEMENT TO SIDE TALKS ON MTN. MRS. MANALO SAID REQUEST WAS TIMELY AS ASEAN SENIOR TRADE OFFICIAL MEETING CHAIRED BY GOP UNDERSECRETARY OF TRADE VALDEPENAS WAS COMPETENT TO MAKE DECISION, AND SHE PROMISED US ASEAN RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE DAY OR TOMORROW.

2. MRS. MANALO GAVE US REVISED PROVISIONAL AGENDA WHICH

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HAD JUST BEEN APPROVED BY PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. NEW VERSION
CONTAINS TWO NEW ELEMENTS IN ITEMS 8 AND 10 TO THAT SENT VIA
MANILA 12864. THEY READ AS FOLLOWS --

8. STATEMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS ON U.S. DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION WITH ASEAN

A) ASEAN INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM

B) TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

C) OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

10. OTHER BUSINESS

A) U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

B) OVERSEAS PROVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION (OPIC)

3. MRS. MANALO EXPLIANED THAT THE PHILIPPINES WOULD BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING THE DISCUSSION ON BOTH ITEMS.
REGARDING ITEM 8, MRS. MANALO SAID THAT THE ASEAN COUNTRIES
WANTED TO EXPLAIN THEIR INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM AS THEY
HAVE ALREADY DONE IN OHTER DIALOGUES. SHE ALSO HINTED THAT
THEY MAY BRING UP PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION, E.G., EDUCATION
VIA SATELLITE (PHILIPPINES) AND AN AGRICULTURAL PROPOSAL
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(THAILAND). ON ITEM 10, THE ADB ITEM CONCERNS U.S.
CONTRIBUTION TO THE BANK (WHICH WAS CHANGED TO "PARTICIPATION"
AT SUGGESTION OF MRS. MANALO, ACCORDING TO MRS. MANALO),
AND THE ASEAN COUNTRIES WANT TO GO ON RECORD AS FAVORING
THE CONTINUATION OF OPIC.

4. ACCORDING TO MRS. MANALO, THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WAS
INTERESTED IN SEEING THAT THE US/ASEAN CONSULTATIONS RESULT
IN SOMETHING MORE CONCRETE THAN A MERE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.
SHE SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS THOUGHT THAT SUCH A HIGH
LEVEL MEETING OUGHT TO RECORD WHAT EACH SIDE WOULD DO
RATHER THAN WHAT EACH SIDE SAID TO THE OTHER. EMBOFF
DEMURRED, QUESTIONING WHETHER THE USDEL CAN
MAKE DECISIONS OR TAKE DEFINITE STANDS ON SUCH SHORT
NOTICE. SHE SAID PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WOULD PRESENT
USDEL DAY BEFORE MEETING (SEPTEMBER 7) WITH MEMORANDUM WHICH
OUTLINES WHAT ASEAN WOULD RAISE THE NEXT TWO DAYS AND HALF.

5. MRS. MANALO REPORTED THAT SHE HAD HAD CONSTANT INQUIRIES
FROM OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES ON THE COMPOSITIONS OF THE U.S.
DELEGATION. THEY WERE INTERESTED IN WHETHER BERGSTEN OR
STRUASS WOULD COME. WE TOLD HER THAT SO FAR WE HAVE HAD

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WORD ON COOPER, HEGINBOTHAM, GEBER AND LANDE PLUS A LIST OF SIX NAMES WITH NO IDENTIFICATION.

6. FINALLY, MRS. MANALO ASKED WHETHER THE USG HAD GIVEN ANY THOUGHT ON THE LEVEL AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS. EMBOFF REPLIED HE HAD NO INFORMATION AND WOULD REPORT HER INQUIRY.
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